

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/005,479
Filing Date	January 12, 1998
First Named Inventor	Thomas Mark Levergood
Group Art Unit	2155
Examiner Name	P. Winder
Attorney Docket Number	1984.1001-001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ]. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ].
  - iii.  Other -- [ ].
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other -- Copy of U.S. Patent No.: 5,715,314; Two month Extension of Time

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other -- [ ].

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes.

- a.  A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$1212.

OR

- Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

- b. i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 02/06/2002 CCHAU1 00000019 09005479
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 740.00 OP  
02 FC:103 72.00 OP
- iii.  Amendment Fee
- iv.  Other -- [ ].

- c.  Authorization is hereby granted to charge any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD  
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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

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X42 =		OR	X24 =
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D CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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